

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the regrettable retraction of the prior Examiner's indication of allowability of all of the claims.

Claims 1, 3-11 and 22-24 remain pending in the application. The new indefiniteness rejection has been addressed by a suitable amendment to claim 11.

With regard to the Office Action's prior-art rejections, they are all based at least in part on Pub. 20020001609 to Calhoun et al. Applicant submits herewith a Declaration to establish that this publication is not prior art.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the rejections. Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any needed fees to Deposit Account 50-1600.

Respectfully submitted,



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